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Rew Literature

The most important books listed in these columns will receive notice in the book-review pages.

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

H. Vosen et F. Kaulen. Rudimenta Linguae Hebraicae scholis publicis et domesticae disciplinae brevissime accommodata. Nova editio, quam recognovit et auxit J. Schumacher. St. Louis: B. Herder, 1911. Pp. xi+171. 70 cents.

This is an elementary Hebrew grammar by Catholic scholars. It is along traditional lines and in Latin. It presents the most obvious facts of Hebrew grammar simply and clearly.

ARTICLES

M. L. Margolis. "The Elephantine Documents." Jewish Quarterly Review, January, 1912, pp. 419-43.

A general survey of the contents of Sachau's final publication of all the papyri from Elephantine now in the Museum in Berlin. The text of the article is enriched by many footnotes on subordinate topics.

P. DHORME. "Cyrus le Grand." Revue biblique, January, 1912, pp. 22-49.

A careful and useful study of all the available sources for the life of Cyrus, with a reconstruction of his history.

G. A. SMITH. "The Natural Strength of the Psalms." The Expositor, January, 1912, pp. 1-15.

A good appreciation of the religious value of the Psalter.

S. R. Driver. "The Book of Judges, III: Deborah and Barak." *Ibid.*, pp. 24-38-A continuation of the detailed introduction to and exposition of Judges begun in earlier issues.

NEW TESTAMENT

Bowen, Clayton R. The Resurrection in the New Testament: An Examination of the Earliest References to the Rising of Jesus and of Christians from the Dead. [Crown Theological Library.] New York: Putnam, 1911. Pp. viii+490. \$1.75.

A rigorously critical historical inquiry into the subject, the witness of Paul, Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John being taken up successively. Professor Bowen believes the real secret of the "appearances" to have been "the impress of Jesus' personality on his disciples. It was so deep and strong, in a word, that they saw him after he had died." It was this impression of his personality upon them that "made possible for them the faith that he could not be holden of death" (p. 456).

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Bowen, Clayton R. "John the Baptist in the New Testament." American Journal of Theology, January, 1912. Pp. 90-106.

Following a suggestion of Baldensperger's, Professor Bowen presents the interesting theory that our gospels reflect the use of a John the Baptist document; that this accords with the evident wide esteem in which John was held in circles outside of Palestine in the first century, and that inadequate attention has hitherto been paid to a reputation which, even after his death, made John in many minds a worthy rival of Jesus himself. Professor Bowen has collected a remarkable array of evidence for these suggestions.